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ASSEMBLY BLAMES WAR, US FOR FAMINE CONDITIONS;  
FLOODS, FAMINES CONTINUE IN VARIOUS AREAS

RELIEF ASSEMBLY SUPPORTS WORLD PEACE CONGRESS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao,  
5 May 50

Peiping, 3 May (Hsin-hua) -- The complete text of a statement issued by the China People's Disaster Relief Assembly, in support of the World Congress for the Preservation of Peace, is as follows:

The China People's Disaster Relief Assembly has convened this day in a victorious Peiping. As our task is to relieve the ravages of disaster, we are thus profoundly aware of the origins from which this disaster has sprung. Our present misfortunes are the aftermath of 8 years of aggression at the hands of the Japanese, and a war waged by the Chiang bandits against the people, as well as their ruthless bombing of our cities and the malicious blockade of our ports which continue today, supported by the US imperialists.

Following the close of the war against Japan, with the Chinese people already devastated by the Japanese aggression, the US imperialists sent 6 trillion gold yuan to support Chiang's war against the people. US-made bombs rain upon our cities; US-made tanks clash on our fields of battle. This crime of war has brought death to our families, leaving orphans and widows homeless, and destitute. Our lands are ravished and our people sick; flood and famine confront us. Such are the scars of war. Wounded to excess, our government now leads the whole nation in a movement to annihilate the remaining Chiang bandits and to activate production and disaster relief, so as to make possible the great program of building firmly a New China in peace.

In this time, while we strive to alleviate today's calamities, wrought by US imperialism, we cannot forget that US imperialism is aggressively preparing to wreak upon us tomorrow, calamities of an even greater scale.

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US imperialists, in an attempt to realize their mad schemes of world domination, are manufacturing huge lots of atomic weapons in preparation for another world war. Each of us in this body of delegates firmly desires the preservation of peace and stands opposed to aggression. We fervently support the slogan issued by the Standing Committee of the World Congress for the Preservation of Peace: "We demand that the manufacture of atomic weapons be unconditionally terminated; we demand the establishment of strict controls; we declare that the government which first dares to use these weapons shall be branded a war criminal."

We collectively believe that a new war may be averted through the strenuous efforts of the people of the world who oppose another war. The two great allies, China and the Soviet Union, are determined to preserve the peace of the world and to fight against imperialist aggression. The combined strength of the 700 million people of these two great allies is the firm core of the world's peace camp; their strength cannot be vanquished. No atomic weapon of the US imperialists can shake their spirit of loving peace and despising war.

The Entire Delegation of the China  
People's Disaster Relief Assembly  
/List of 151 signatures follows/  
29 April 1950

#### NATURAL CALAMITIES HIT SOUTHERN KIANGSU -- Wu-hsi Su-nan Jih-pao, 6 Apr 50

Natural calamities, including floods, typhoons, insect plague, etc., have been causing great damage in southern Kiangsu. Most seriously hit are Nan-hui, Ch'uang-sha, Kao-shun, and Yang-chung hsiens. Damages caused by such calamities in Nan-hui and Kao-shun hsiens are as follows:

In Nan-hui Hsien, over 141,746 mou (one mou equals 1/6 acre) of land were inundated, destroying more than 4,150,800 catties of foodstuffs. Only 117,614,707 catties of foodstuffs or 13.5 percent of last year's crops were harvested. Floods destroyed 15,697 buildings and drowned 1,211 persons. Losses of personal belongings, animals, etc., are said to be incalculable.

In Kao-shun Hsien, five of the seven districts were inundated and to date the flood has not receded. The remaining two districts, located on a relatively higher plain, are now plagued by insects.

Plans are now being made by the various political and administrative organizations throughout the area to take proper measures to help those in need and to prevent future occurrence of these calamities.

#### PI HO INUNDATES LIU-AN REGION -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 22 Apr 50

Ho-fei Hsien -- Continuous rains in north Anhwei and waters from other areas caused the Pi Ho to reach a level of 20.098 meters at Liu-an on 10 April 1950. This almost equals the 1931 all-time high flood level of 20.21 meters. The dikes in the area became weakened and on 6 and 9 April 1950 they burst, inundating the Liu-an area.

Most seriously affected by the flood has been Pen Hsiang of the Shuang Ho region. Eleven of the 244 houses have been demolished, while 97 of its 102 mou of fields have been inundated.

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REPORTS FAMINE CONDITIONS SERIOUS -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 22 Apr 50

Information from An-ching reveals that the famine condition in the T'ung-lu--T'ang-kou region has been serious for the past 2 months. In the early part of April 1950, seven persons died of hunger in Ch'en-kung village. Over 30,000 of the 50,000 citizens in this region are now in critical condition.

Two months ago, an investigation was made of this region and a program to remedy the situation was started. However, since the cadres, failed to make long range plans, the situation has become grave.

EXTENDS RELIEF TO 4,362 CANTON UNEMPLOYED -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 20 May 50

Canton, 19 May -- At the first meeting of the Canton Unemployed Workers' Relief Committee which was held today, it was decided to issue immediate emergency relief rice of 50 shih chin /approximately 67 pounds/ per unemployed, to the registered workers in the city. Those who registered up to 20 May 1950, will receive relief rice first, followed by those registering between 21 and 31 May. As of 17 May, registered unemployed workers numbered 4,362.

The committee is soliciting relief-fund donations from all circles. In Hong Kong, it has requested the Wen-hui Pao and the Ta Kung Pao to collect relief donations from that city.

TO BROADCAST RELIEF ACTIVITIES -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 22 Apr 50

The East China People's Broadcasting Station will present a series of programs giving reports on the progress of production and relief activities in north Anhwei, Shantung, and other calamity-stricken areas. The series, to begin on 22 April 1950, will be given daily from 2015 to 2030 hours.

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